

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 4 and 6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 5 and 8 and add Claims 9 through 11 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus comprising:

a container containing a developing agent; ~~agent and having an opening;~~

a developer bearing member, which bears said developing agent received from said container and provides the developing agent to a photosensitive drum; ~~member provided at the opening of said container;~~

a developing frame, which supports said developing bearing member;

a magnetic sealing member magnetically restricting leakage of the developing agent at ~~out of an end of said developing apparatus developer bearing member~~ in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member,

wherein said magnetic sealing member is provided on said developing frame to form a gap with an outer surface of said developing bearing member, and

wherein said magnetic sealing member includes a magnetic portion facing a peripheral surface of said developing bearing member and an elastic portion facing to a side of said developing frame; member being formed at the end in the longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member as extending along a circumferential direction of said developer bearing member; and

an elastic [[a]] sheet member preventing the developing agent from leaking out of said developing apparatus, the opening of said container, said elastic sheet member being attached with a double-sided double-side adhesive tape along the longitudinal direction of said developing frame, the container forming the opening,

wherein said magnetic sealing member and said elastic sheet member are overlapped with each other, and ~~the double side adhesive tape attaching said sheet member extends to a portion of said magnetic sealing member.~~

wherein an end in a longitudinal direction of said double-sided adhesive tape is L-shaped and contacts said elastic portion of said magnetic scaling member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The developing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein an end in the longitudinal direction of a tip of said sheet member enters into a space between said developer bearing member and said magnetic sealing member.

8. (Currently Amended) The developing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising an auxiliary member, which is located adjacent to said magnetic scaling member, for biasing a free end side of said elastic sheet to said developing bearing member,

wherein said developing frame is provided with, at a portion attaching to said elastic sheet, a recess into, a recess into which said auxiliary member enters. wherein an end in the longitudinal direction of the double side adhesive tape is in a letter-L shape.

9. **(New)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said auxiliary member is an elastic member.

10. **(New)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the free end side of said elastic sheet is in contact with said developer bearing member along the longitudinal direction.

11. **(New)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said auxiliary member is L-shaped.